

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
MAY 23, 2012**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

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| Mayor Terry Seitz | Present |
| Council members: | |
| Gregory Schnarr | Present |
| David Prechtel | Present |
| Thomas Schmidt | Present |
| Earl Schmitt | Present |
| Kevin Manley | Present |
| Randall Buchta | Absent |
| Raymond Howard | Present |
| City Attorney William Shaneyfelt | Present |
| Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm | Present |

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes.

1. Mayor Seitz asked for approval of the minutes from the April 18, 2012 council meeting.

A **motion** was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Mayor Seitz asked for approval of the April 18, 2012, 6:50 p.m. public hearing minutes concerning the petition of Chad and Marilyn Blessinger to rezone 8.49 acres located on the south side of County Road 500N and 2100 feet west of Kellerville Road from A-1 [Agriculture] to R-R [Rural Residential]

A **motion** was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Boy Scout. Nathan Freyberger from Boy Scout Troop 393 from Evansville, Indiana, was present. He said he is working on the community service and citizenship badge.

Utility Service Board. General Manager of Utilities Gerald ‘Bud’ Hauersperger gave a report of the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on May 21, 2012. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

Arts Center proposed building project. Jasper Community Arts Commission President Michael Jones had a prepared statement concerning the Arts Center. He said the facility needs to be enlarged and improved so the arts programs can grow. He listed ways the arts impacts the community. Jones said he believes now is the time to expand the Arts Center and the city take the lead and put money towards the expansion particularly after the bond for the sports complex is paid off. The Arts will do a capital campaign to raise money. Jones said the JCAC Board requests the Council give this matter consideration.

Flood area grant application. Lisa Gehlhausen, Executive Director for the Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, was present to discuss a grant application and project to acquire property in a flood area. But first, Gehlhausen gave an update on two grant projects that will soon be completed, the North side Sanitary Sewer project and the Beaver Lake Dam Rehabilitation project.

Gehlhausen said Region 15 has been working on a grant application for the City to submit to see if the City can get grant funding for an acquisition project to remove structures out of a floodway. This flood area is bounded by First Street, Main Street, Second Street, and Jackson Street. This is a voluntary participation program and in the Fall of 2011 a public meeting was held. The total grant budget is \$544,586. The 75% federal share is \$408,440. The City’s share which could include in-kind would be \$136,146. Gehlhausen said she is here to get approval to submit the grant application and commit the local funds.

Gehlhausen then introduced Carol Junk, Mitigation Program Director for Indiana Department of Homeland Security, and Mary Moran, Hazard Mitigation Response and Recovery Program Director for Indiana Department of Homeland Security. These Indiana Department of Homeland Security representatives explained what happens if the City gives approval to submit the grant application and commits the local matching funds.

Resolution No. 2012-3 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

This resolution authorizes the submittal of a grant application to acquire property in the flood area bounded by First Street, Main Street, Second Street, and Jackson Street. It also commits local matching funds.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to have the resolution read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney William Shaneyfelt so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2012-3. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2012-6 AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

This ordinance transfers money from the equipment line item to the contractual services line item in the EDIT Fund for leadership training and strategic planning. The ordinance was introduced April 18, 2012.

Mayor Seitz asked for a motion to read the ordinance in full or by title only. Council member David Prechtel then made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. Since there was not a second to the motion, City Attorney William Shaneyfelt read the ordinance in full. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel to approve Ordinance No. 2012-6. Since there was a lack of a second to the motion, the ordinance failed.

Ordinance No. 2012-12 AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

This ordinance transfers money from the equipment line item to the land line item in the EDIT Fund for the balance of the funding for the demolition of the house at 120 Main Street.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney William Shaneyfelt so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Kevin Manley to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2012-12 on condition the City checks if we can burn the house instead of going through the demolition process. The motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2012-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.36 OF THE CODE OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA REGARDING BONDS OF CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES

This ordinance amends the blanket bond ordinance for city officials and employees because positions were added and deleted in the Utility Business

Office.

A motion was made by Council member Ray Howard and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney William Shaneyfelt so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2012-14. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2012-13 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, CONCERNING THE REFUNDING BY THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, OF ITS WATERWORKS REVENUE BONDS OF 2000 AND WATERWORKS REVENUE BONDS OF 2003; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF WATERWORKS REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS OF 2012, FOR SUCH PURPOSE, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF THE WATERWORKS AND THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS OF THE WATERWORKS REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS OF 2012; OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH; AND REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith

This ordinance refinances the outstanding waterworks bonds.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Ray Howard to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 6-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Ray Howard and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to have the ordinance read by title only. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney William Shaneyfelt so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2012-13. Motion carried 6-0.

Under discussion City Attorney William Shaneyfelt said the City wants to refinance the waterworks bonds to save money in interest payments. The maximum amount of issuance bonds is \$8,120,000.

Schedule budget work session. Mayor Seitz asked the council which date they prefer to hold the all day budget work session Wednesday, July 25, 2012 or Thursday, July 26, 2012. It was the consensus of the council members to hold the 2013 budget work session on Thursday, July 26, 2012 beginning at 7: 30 .a.m.

US 231 repair. Council member Thomas Schmidt asked if there is anything the City can do to encourage INDOT to repair US 231/Newton Street. They did some patching but it needs more work than that.

Mayor Seitz said INDOT is constantly contacted. He recommended the City draft a letter to INDOT stating its concerns and it is signed by the council members.

Train media day. Mayor Seitz reported that in order to promote the train, media day was created. The media will take a train ride tomorrow afternoon in order to get publicity out.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Ray Howard to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 20th day of June, 2012.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer